Dear Second Grade Class,

I need you to be part of my team called Life Cycle Investigators. An investigator’s job is to gather information, and then put it all together to solve a problem. We have a HUGE problem to solve. Several animals at a rescue center were ready to go back to their habitat in the wild. They were loaded on a truck and categorized according to the region in Georgia where they live. The truck hit a huge bump and all of the animals were mixed up. My lead scientist is out of town, so I really need your help.

Investigators, in order to do this job properly, we are going to study the regions of Georgia, where these regions are located on a map, the location of rivers in Georgia, where the animals live, and research the life cycle of each of our animals. Once you have learned about each step, check it off the list so that you don’t leave anything out. Then, when you know about each animal and the region where the truck driver can drop them off, I will need all of your information. You will need to keep your own personal investigation journal so that we don’t miss any details. If we put an animal in the wrong region, it might not be able to survive.

Here is the list to follow:

\_\_\_\_\_ Georgia Maps

\_\_\_\_\_ Georgia Regions

\_\_\_\_\_ Georgia Rivers

\_\_\_\_\_ Animal Life Cycles

I will contact you several times during your investigation to track your progress. It looks like we need to begin our investigation with gathering information about Georgia Maps. Good Luck!!

Sincerely,

Lead L.C. Investigator